

POST-OFFICE BUILDING AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

REPLYING TO

*The House resolution of February 4, 1896, in regard to the new post-office building at Wilmington, Del.*

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FEBRUARY 8, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, D. C., February 6, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of House resolution dated February 4, 1896, requesting information as to what progress has been made in the erection of the new post-office at Wilmington, Del.; what amount of the appropriation has been expended therefor; what amount, if any, has been used in the payment of salaries to superintendents, clerks, supervisors, or others; also, whether the work is now in progress or in a state of suspension, and if the latter, whether any of the salaries were continued to be paid during such suspension, and as to the reasonable probabilities regarding the completion of said building.

In reply, I have to state that the building is under roof, the approaches are complete, the plastering virtually finished. On January 28, 1896, proposals were invited by public advertisement for the interior finish, plumbing, and tower clock, and proposals for the heating apparatus will be invited at an early date.

Of the appropriation for said building there has been expended the sum of \$222,962.38, of which amount \$16,112 was for salaries.

The work on the building is suspended, the entire contingent force having been discontinued September 30, 1895, with the exception of the superintendent of construction, who was retained at half pay, \$3 per day, to care for the Government property.

It is expected that the building will be completed within the present calendar year.

Respectfully, yours,

J. G. CARLISLE,  
Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

